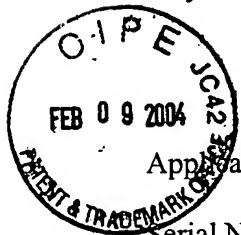


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 7, 2003

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Final Office Action dated October 7, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated January 23, 2004. In reply, Applicant hereby requests non-entry of the amendments that Applicant previously filed on November 19, 2003. Further, Applicant requests entry of this response and the corresponding Request for Continued Examination. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.